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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§1.56 and 1.97(b), applicant brings to the Examiner's attention the documents listed on attached Form PTO/SB/08 and cited in the international search report. Copies of the listed documents are attached. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the documents listed on attached Form PTO/SB/08 and indicate that they were considered by making an appropriate notation on this form.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed with the above-referenced application.

The following are listed on the accompanying PTO/SB/08 and are in a non English language:

1. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication No. 2004-201170 -

The relevance of this document is discussed at page 2 of the specification of the present application.

The following are listed on the accompanying PTO/SB/08 and are in a non-English language:

2. JP 2004-318923
3. JP 2004-120035
4. JP 07-122033
5. JP 2005-303907
6. JP 08-045131

An English-language abstract of the documents is enclosed.

In lieu of a statement of relevance or translation of the non-English documents, enclosed is an English-language international search report from the Japanese Patent Office in a corresponding application citing these references and setting forth the relevance thereof.

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